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Letter dated 16 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova dated 16 June 1993, on the statement of the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Boris Yeltsin, regarding the possibility of the creation of Russian military bases on the territory of some of the former Soviet republics (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 79 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

(Chisinau, 16 June 1993)

Taking note of the statement of the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Boris Yeltsin, at the recent meeting with the senior officials of the Russian Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova feels compelled to reiterate its fundamental position, stated on numerous occasions, regarding the complete, unconditional and immediate withdrawal of all foreign military forces from Moldovan territory, which is in accordance with the documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and other international organizations.

In this context, Mr. Yeltsin's proposal, presented at that meeting, regarding the possible creation of military bases on the territories of some former Soviet republics is unacceptable to the Republic of Moldova, under any circumstances.

However, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova does welcome President Yeltsin's second proposal, that of "withdrawal of the Russian military forces from all former Soviet republics" and considers it to be the only realistic and just solution that could accommodate the interests of both the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation. In this respect, the signing, in the near future, of an agreement between the two nations regarding the immediate and unconditionaL withdrawal of the Russian military forces from the territory of the Republic of Moldova will not only greatly increase the chances of a political resolution of the conflict in the Eastern districts of the Republic of Moldova but will also contribute to further development of the relations between the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation, as well as the strengthening of Russia's credibility and prestige in the world.